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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you that following the half term there will be some changes to our Year 7 classes. Since we welcomed our new Year 7 cohort in September they have been taught in their mixed ability form groups. From Monday 2nd November, we will be teaching students in groups based on their academic ability.

It has long been shown that grouping the students based on their abilities will be beneficial for them in the long run, as it means that they will be working at a similar level to everyone else in the class and that the work will be accessible for all students. We firmly believe that by grouping the students like this we are giving them the best possible chance to make as much progress as possible during their time at the Academy.

The grouping decisions are made taking into account a range of data from assessments including KS2 SATS, NGRTs and United Learning Year 7 Baseline tests. This information is then considered alongside pastoral feedback to help ensure well balanced teaching groups.

From Monday 2nd November, pupils will be working to a new timetable, which will be available both online and via a printed copy in tutor time. In some cases, pupils will not have a change and will continue as usual, however, for the majority there will be a change that can also see a change in days for PE and DT. This is worth checking in advance to ensure pupils arrive after half term fully equipped.

If you have any pastoral concerns regarding the changes then please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Year 7, Mr Devlin, on the following e-mail address: tom.devlin@rrma.org.uk.

If you have academic concerns regarding the changes then please do not hesitate to contact myself on the following e-mail address: matt.forrest@rrma.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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